



Ascension News

One Church, One Body, One Spirit, Serving all People
Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu, Sirviendo a todas las personas
Ib Lub Tuamtsev, Ib Lub Cev, Ib Tug Ntsujplig, Ua Num Rua Txhaus Tug Tuabneeg

Ascension Campus Cleaning Day

Ascension Campus Cleaning Day was nothing short of amazing! God blessed us with beautiful weather and an even more beautiful spirit of unity. Around 45 volunteers came together, ranging in age from 7 to 93 years old — truly a living testimony that when a community comes together with love and purpose, there are no age limits to serving. Charlie was so happy throughout the day, and I still remember how emotional he sounded when speaking about how much the chapel was shining after Laura, Susie, Rosa, and the rest of the wonderful crew finished their work. At the same time, Chuck kept everyone energized by cooking burgers for all the volunteers, creating a warm atmosphere of fellowship and gratitude after we were done.

One of the greatest blessings of the day was not only the work accomplished, but the connections that were formed. We had the opportunity to meet Anthony and his wife Malena from the community, along with Rachel, who has been coming regularly to church. And before I forget — Mateo, my son, and Jack became instant best friends. Moments like these remind us that the church is far more than a building; it is people loving, serving, laughing, and growing together. Days like this inspire us to remember that every small act of kindness, every broom pushed, every burger served, and every conversation shared helps build the Kingdom of God, one relationship at a time.

José Andrés Guerrero



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Sunday Worship Services

English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

10:00 am unified worship services at least once a month

For specific dates, see the calendar under News & Events at www.ascensionmke.com.

2026 Unified Worship Schedule and Special Events

This schedule may change.

Unified Services (10:00 am)

June 21 – Father’s Day!

July 19

August 16

September 20 – God’s Work, Our Hands, + Ministry Partners

October 18

November 1 – All Saints’ Day

November 15

December 20 – ?

December 24 – Christmas Eve worship service, 4:00 pm

January 3, 2027 – Hmong New Year Celebration

11:30 am Worshipping Community

June 14 – 11:30 am Outdoor Service-front patio with lunch to follow

August 30 – 11:30 am Backpack Blessing

September 6 – NO worship service

September 13 – 11:30 am Blessing/Prayer for Hunters & Hunting Season with lunch to follow

December 13 – NO worship service

December 27 – NO worship service



2026 Special Events
S.W.A.G. Family Grill Out Saturday, 6/20/2026 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kou Thao, 414.378.2733
Ascension Picnic Saturday, 8/1 or 8/8/2026 11:00 am Park is TBD Jerry Vang, 414.477.2997
Egg Roll Fundraiser Saturday, 9/26/2026 Sunday, 9/27/2026 Lee Her, 414.477.8941
Trunk-or-Treat Saturday, 10/24/2026 Setup: 12:00 pm Event: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm PangNha Vang, 414.336.8276

S.W.A.G. Youth Night:

3rd Saturday of each month,
6:00 pm-9:00 pm

La Familia de Arte

Annual Fiesta is Saturday, June 20th
from 1:00 pm–5:00 pm at 1030 S
26th Street

Walker’s Point Youth and Family Center

Celebrating 50 Years! Annual Gala
on June 25th at Turner Hall

SOC (Southside Organizing Committee)

Safetyfest is Tuesday, August 4th

How to Contact Pastor Aida

Pastor Aida can be reached in several ways:

- Call or text her (if you don’t have her number, ask her!)
- Send an email: pastoraida@ascensionmke.org
- Call the office: 414-645-2933

Voter ID Assistance



VoteRiders Helpline

All our services are free of charge!

We offer **FREE** assistance for:

- **Recovering documents** (eg. a birth certificate or Social Security card) and associated costs
- **Ride costs** to your local ID-issuing office or Social Security office
- **Fees** for Wisconsin ID or driver’s license

Join an upcoming monthly VIDA clinic! Clinics are held on the last Thursday of every month. The ID Help clinics are for anyone of voting age.

WHEN: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm CST

WHERE: 1300 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215

www.VoteRiders.org/FreeHelp





The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to

CELEBRATING OUR
DIVERSITY AS GOD'S
CHILDREN

PRIDE WORSHIP

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, 6:30PM

Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



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“Celebrating Our Diversity as God’s Children,” the 2026 Pride worship service at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 11th, will be held at Ascension. The preacher will be Pastor Juniper Linberry (they/them), who will be preaching from the Book of Ruth. If you are interested in singing in the Pride worship service choir (which I direct), please email me at officemanager@ascensionmke.com.

Please feel free to check out the Pride worship service Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1959111588079063/> and invite anyone you think might be interested in joining us.

God’s Peace,
Chuck Ellingson

The Benedict Center’s Sisters Program Celebrates 10 years

The Sisters Program of the Benedict Center celebrated their 10th anniversary, and we were there to celebrate with them!

The Sisters Program helps women in the street-based sex trade find hope and live healthier and safer lives through a harm reduction and housing-first approach.

This program is prepared to help women find safety and healing while advocating for adequate, affordable and accessible housing, drug treatment, trauma counseling, and prevention of violence against women.



Rev. Aida Muñiz



Treasurer's Report

	Through 4.3.26 Goal	4.30.26 Actual	2026 Budget
Endowment	\$ 33,330.00	\$ 33,333.27	\$ 100,000.00
Donations	\$ 63,327.00	\$ 89,885.66	\$ 190,000.00
Building Rental	\$ 64,748.48	\$ 68,819.24	\$ 194,264.86
Misc	\$ 7,549.25	\$ 433.49	\$ 22,750.00
Roof Donations	\$ 4,999.50	\$ 14,729.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 173,954.22	\$ 207,200.66	\$ 522,014.86

Administration	\$ 94,378.08	\$ 93,205.82	\$ 283,162.56
Ministry	\$ 11,732.16	\$ 10,701.32	\$ 35,200.00
Building	\$ 50,494.95	\$ 66,835.34	\$ 151,500.00
Utilities	\$ 22,691.06	\$ 36,035.01	\$ 68,080.00
Recon. Discrepancies		\$ (5,050.48)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 179,296.26	\$ 201,727.01	\$ 537,942.56

Difference	\$ (5,342.03)	\$ 5,473.65	\$ (15,927.70)
Outstanding Debt	\$249,381.53		

Next Ascension News

July 1st

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, June 19th**.

Please email your group's content to:

Cindy Jackson, lead - cindy_jaxn@yahoo.com

Gail Brodersen-Heins, community - grheins@hotmail.com

Charlie Kudy, Ascension teams/website - kudy826@gmail.com

Ar Lee, Hmong ministry - lisab070520@gmail.com

Happy June, fellow Ascensionites, friends and community partners! As we move into warmer weather, we look ahead to having the opportunity to gather with friends, family and community outside and in different places! Our giving, for both pledged ministry investments and roof donations, continues to be strong through April. All other planned revenue also remains on target.

Ascension has also been awarded another grant from the Siebert foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to support our outreach and community building efforts. These funds are used towards things like the work of our Outreach, Immigration and Hospitality Coordinator **Bonny Lopez**, as well as support towards our communications team to externally engage with our community, fellowship time amongst our disciples, and purchase items that we are able to distribute to those who come to our doors seeking assistance.

I expect with the summer months rolling in, that weekly donations will somewhat slow down, especially for those not enrolled in our online Vanco giving. If you are interested in enrolling in Vanco, please contact **Chuck Ellingson** in the office at 414-645-2933.

If you have any questions on the finances of our church, please feel free to contact me at 414-758-4079 or kudy826@gmail.com

Charlie Kudy, Treasurer

Get it on the Calendar!

Contact **Bonny** or **Chuck** in the church office with any church-related meetings, even if held virtually or in a non-church location. Let's keep each other informed of our sacred work!

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Regular office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-4:30 pm

If you know someone who would like a printed copy of this newsletter, please contact **Jan Fox** at 262-782-5680 or **Chuck** in the church office.

